

**INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21, 2013 6PM
HAUBSTADT FIRE TERRITORY
400 s 6th St
HAUBSTADT IN 47639
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- A. Greg Wyant call meeting to order and call for nominations for Board officers
- B. Roll call
- C. Approval of August minutes as submitted.
- D. Variance requests:
 - 1. Request from August meeting, Justin Heim requested a variance for FO IV. He has submitted transcripts from North central University in AZ.

The Board requested a letter from the Fire Chief of the Dept that he assists when he is in town.

At this time, we have not received the requested information. Staff is asking the Board to deny the request.

- 2. The following students are asking for a variance in order to take the written/practical exam for Firefighter I at the age of 17 years old.

Devon Adams, Joseph Bush, Eric Devoe; Samuel Dew; Zachary Dick; Tanner Folkener; Devin Holland; Erica Monroe; Austin Murphy; Austin shepherd; Omar Whigum; Mikal Williams.

The students are part of the Muncie Area Career Center.

Staff recommends approval pending certification of Hazmat Operations.

3. Raymond Collins is requesting variances for Instructor I, II, and III. He has 20 years of service with the Elkhart City FD, and he is an Indiana licensed teacher.
Staff recommends approval of Instructor I only. Teacher's license does not meet the requirements of Instructor III.
4. Dean Teagardin is requesting a variance for Fire Officer II. He holds an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Purdue University in 1982.
Staff recommends denial based on lack of relevant education.
5. Tracy Wood is requesting a variance for Fire officer II. The training records being used for validation are from courses that he has completed back in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He is a Fire Officer I, his instructor II/III expired in 2011, he does not have Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics, he holds a first class instructor.
Staff recommends denial based on lack of relevant education and training.
6. Matt Dutton from Lafayette training Center/FD is requesting a variance to be allowed to take the written exam at the age of 17 years old for the following tests:

Firefighter ½
Hazmat awareness/operations
Technical rescue awareness
Matt was part of the class that requested a variance at the August meeting. His name was left off of the request.
Staff recommends approval providing they are completed in order of prerequisites .
7. Paul Miller is requesting a variance for Fire Officer II Paul has a Bachelor Degree in education from Purdue, holds a current Instructor II/III, and had an Indiana teacher's license. He has been in the fire service since 1995, and has been the Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion training officer and is a member of the hazmat team. He has advanced his education with continued classes in supervision, law enforcement, fire service management, building construction and fire tactics.
Staff has no recommendation based on the age of the training submitted.

8. Jerry Martin is requesting variance for Fire Officer II and Fire Officer III. He holds a Fire Officer I, was an instructor II/III and has taken a course in Public Safety at Ivy Tech in 1997. Staff recommends denial based on lack of education and continued education.
9. John Medvescek is requesting a variance for Fire Officer II. John has completed multiple classes through Ivy Tech, FEMA, NFA, and other facilities with the Public Safety education. He has included transcripts from Ivy Tech. He has been on the job since 1979 at IFD. He acts as Battalion Chief and Safety Officer as needed through IFD. Staff has no recommendation. The age of the training and lack of continued education prohibits staff from making a recommendation.
10. Paul Miller, Southmont High School, is requesting variances for 17 year olds to test for Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Material Awareness, Hazardous Material Operations and Technical Rescue Awareness. Jakab Ison, Dillon Rapp, Abigail Wolf, Austin Abbott, Mary Greer, and Josh Russell are the 17 year olds that will be taking the written/practical testing. Staff recommends approval providing they test in prerequisite order.
11. John Linn is requesting a variance for Fire Officer II. He has met the prerequisites required and included college transcripts from Ivy Tech I which he was granted Associates in Applied Science in 1993. He has submitted records of multiple trainings he has attended through the years, and he requests that work experience be considered with all other documentation. Staff has no recommendation. The age of the training and lack of continued education prohibits staff from making a recommendation.
12. Jason Weisenauer is requesting a variance for Instructor I. he states that he submitted his hours last year, and the certification was never updated. He has completed his hours on a timely basis, forms were never received in house for them. Staff has no record of electronically receiving his continued education.

13. John Snethen is requesting a variance for Fire Officer III. John passed the written/practical exam. He thought he met the prerequisite because the rules do not specify that you must have been an instructor II/III. Board rule states compliance with the NFPA 1021 standard which requires Instructor II. It is also stated in the prerequisite check sheet available on line.
14. Scott Olofson is requesting a variance for Fire Officer II. He holds a Fire Officer I, he is a current Instructor II/III, and he has an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Public Safety, multiple certifications from classes that he has attended through 2013. Staff recommends approval based on his Fire Science Degree and continued education.
15. Kevan Crawley is requesting a variance for Fire Officer II, III, and IV. He holds a Fire Officer I, and a current Instructor II/III. He is currently a captain with IFD, has 26 years experience as a Firefighter, and has 21 years as an officer in the military, graduate of Purdue with a major in law and society and a minor in psychology. Staff has no recommendation. The age of the training and lack of continued education prohibits staff from making a recommendation.
16. Patrick Harper is requesting a variance for Fire Officer III and IV. He requested the variance in January and was denied. He has since completed his education at Ivy Tech and holds a degree in Fire Science. Patrick would like the Board to reconsider his request with the new qualifications. Staff has no recommendation. Transcripts are unclear as to standard requirements being met.
17. Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, I would respectfully submit the following variance request for 17 year olds to take the following exams upon their completion of the course requirements: Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations, Mandatory Firefighter, Firefighter I and Firefighter 2. These students will only be allowed to challenge the tests if they successfully pass all the skills and requirements. Some of the individuals on this list may not successfully complete the course and therefore will not have their name submitted when it comes time to

request the test. I am presenting these names early so there will be no last minute procrastination or timing issues.

Matt Alfred, Braxton Arnett, Marquis Barrett, Jordin Bradley, Kevin Cabrera, Austin Davey, Andrew Eakes, Thomas Fonte, Shafontez Harty, Mitchell Isaacs, Spencer Knepp, Anderson Nellis, Phillip Thomas, Skylee Porten, Logan Radar, Jared Ruhnnow, Anthony Smith, Jerry Wilson, Matt Behrman, Jared Bohl, Jake Chalfin, Carlton Chaney, Justin Dearing, Wyatt Gehlbach, Jordan Grace, Jordan Huff, Nicholas Johnson, Neil Jones, Deshaun Lane, Ryan Lewis, Jacob Massie

Thank you for hearing our request and hope you will pass our variance. I know you passed the same type of variance at the last meeting for the 17 year old students from Lafayette High School, Lafayette, Indiana, and hope you will do the same for my students.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jeffrey Hayes

Staff recommends approval providing they are completed in order of prerequisites.

18. Jeff Beam is asking for a variance for the Fire Officer II state test. He is asking for permission to use the Jones and Bartlett test. This is part 2 of the on line program from Jones and Bartlett. The Board approved part 1, Fire Officer 1 and Jeff is asking to be able to complete the program.
Staff recommends approval. The original pilot program was approximately 1 year ago. This is the second half of that program.

E. Request for Administrative Appeal

No report at this time

F. State Fire Marshal report: James Greeson

G. Director of Training:

H State Fire Training report: John Buckman

1. 655 IAC rule rewrite
2. Modular testing
3. HMA/HMO/HMT in one test
4. Fire Officer III skills for approval
5. Fire Officer 2 pilot for Zionsville FD

I. Old Business:

1. 17 year old testing and liability issues
 - a) Jeff Hayes
2. Voluntary recertification for Career firefighters.
3. Book committee status
4. Criminal history and revoking certifications

J. New business

1. Jon Justin convicted of arson in 1985. He has had no other incidents since that time.
2. New Fire Officer variance request forms. Greg Wyant

K. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting:

Dec 2, 2013 6pm
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